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For the Oregon  
House Committee  
Hear on Friday,  
February 7, 2014  
on HB 4002

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

Re: HB 4002

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to address the potential for HB 4002 to affect the practice of psychology beyond its intended scope.

The specific words, “practice of psychology” are meaningful to those who practice psychology. For 40 years there have been two types of licensed mental health providers in Oregon who have been, and are, licensed to practice psychology: licensed psychologists & licensed independent psychologist associates.

In recent months, the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners, after these 40 years, have shown an interest in changing the words “practice of psychology,” to “the performance of certain functions within the practice of psychology,” or “the provision of certain psychological services” as it pertains to the scope of practice for licensed independent psychologist associates.

I am opposed to such changes, and am opposed to any change which would have an adverse affect on the standing of licensed psychologist associates and the words used to describe their scope of practice attached to this specific bill. My concerns may be premature, but I do not believe it ill advised to to anticipate such changes in any bill for which there is potential for these changes to become a part.

I will be happy to expound on my concerns or to answer any questions in committee hearing testimony or by other means of communication.

Thank you so very much for your time.

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